**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of : )  
Steven L. Webb et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/234,255 ) Group Art Unit: 2174  
Filed: January 20, 1999 ) Examiner: Le V. Nguyen  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS ) Atty Dkt. 10980134-1  
FOR IMPROVING A )  
PROGRESS MONITOR )  
DURING A LONG )  
COMPUTER PROCESS )

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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In paragraph 2 of the Notice of Allowability mailed January 12, 2005,  
the Examiner states the following regarding the allowability of claims 1-10:

The following is a statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the  
claimed invention.

The present invention is directed to an icon display as a  
progress monitor as recited in claims 1 and 10.

Each independent claim identifies the uniquely distinct features  
of the progress indicator to further comprise information "In addition to

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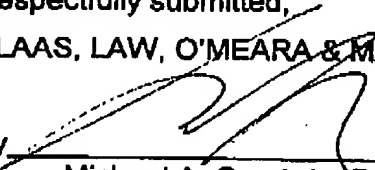
the progress of the process" or "progressively revealing information in the first part of the progress area"

As correctly pointed out by the Examiner, independent claim 1 is directed to a "progress monitor". Independent claim 10, however, is not directed to a "progress monitor", but rather to a "method of revealing information by a progress monitor during the monitoring of a process". Further, neither claim 1 nor claim 10 recites an "icon display" as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicants further generally disagree with the Examiner's statement and assert that the claims are allowable due to all of the novel and unobvious features recited in the claims and not necessarily only those limitations specifically listed by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,  
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